

On page 1, after the Title and before the Background of the Invention, please insert the following:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/259,143 filed on December 29, 2000.

On page 7, the 2nd full paragraph that begins at line 10, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Figure 1 is a drawing partially cutaway plan view of an absorbent article of the present invention having a topsheet with a medicinal treatment thereon and wherein a portion of the body-facing surface of the topsheet is depicted in an enlarged view.

On page 7, the 3rd full paragraph that begins at line 13, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of a portion of a topsheet having a medicament composition thereon.

On page 7, the 8th paragraph that begins at line 33 and bridges to the next page, please amend the paragraph as follows:

An exemplary absorbent article of the present invention, for example a diaper, is illustrated in a partially cutaway plan view in Figure 1. A portion of the topsheet is also illustrated in an enlarged view. In reference to Figure 1, diaper 10 may comprise a backsheet or outer cover 12, a topsheet 14, which is desirably liquid permeable, positioned in facing relation to outer cover 12, and an absorbent core 18 positioned between outer cover 12 and topsheet 14. Diaper 10 may be of various shapes as desired such as, for example, an overall rectangular shape, T-shape or an hourglass shape. Topsheet 14 is generally coextensive with the outer cover 12 but may optionally cover an area that is larger or smaller than the area of outer cover 12, as desired. Portions of diaper 10, such as a marginal section of the outer cover 12, may extend past the terminal edges of the absorbent core 18. In the illustrated embodiment, for example, outer cover 12 can extend outwardly beyond the terminal marginal edges of the absorbent core 18 to form side margins 22 and end margins 24 of the diaper 10. A treated region 16 containing medicinal treatment 17 is located upon a selected portion of the body-facing side of topsheet 14.

On page 10, the 2nd paragraph that begins at line 27 and bridges to the next page, please amend the paragraph as follows:

~~In order that it is desirable that~~ the medicaments are applied to the body-side surface so that the medicaments stay upon the exposed portion of the substrate or porous fabric and do not substantially migrate into or through the topsheet. The medicaments will typically be provided in the form of a composition including one or more skin health benefit agents as well as additional solvents, surfactants, stabilizers, viscosity/rheology modifiers, suspending agents and/or other agents to achieve the desired physical properties. The medicament compositions desirably comprise high viscosity liquids or emulsions, gels, semi-solids or solids at room temperature and which are capable of being extruded as a liquid. In this regard, the medicament compositions should have a melting point of at least about 25°C and desirably has a melting point between about 30°C and about 100°C, and still more desirably has a melting point between about 40°C and about 80°C. In addition, the medicament compositions are desirably capable of adequately adhering to the topsheet such that the medicament does not substantially migrate into or through the topsheet. However, the medicament compositions are desirably not so solid nor do they adhere so strongly to the topsheet that the medicament is prevented from being transferred from the topsheet to the skin when the article is worn. In this regard, the medicament compositions desirably have a low shear viscosity of from about 50 to about 1,000,000 ~~centipoise~~ centipoise and more desirably between about 50,000 and about 800,000 ~~centipoise~~ centipoise at a temperature of about 60°C. In addition, the penetration hardness of the medicament composition desirably ranges between about 5 and about 350 millimeters and still more desirably between about 5 and about 150 millimeters.

On page 14, the 2nd paragraph that begins at line 27 and bridges to the next page, please amend the paragraph as follows:

_____The medicament can be applied to the body-side surface of the topsheet using various forms of equipment capable of a precise, uniform application of a liquid in a desired pattern. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, equipment commonly used for the registered application of adhesives as well as print heads and printing devices such as, for example, continuous ink-jet (CIJ) printers, drop-on-demand (DOD) printers, electrostatic printers and so forth. Specific equipment suitable for use in the present invention includes, by way of example only, MELTEX EP11 coating die,

CONTROL WEAVE (CW-200) Applicators and the Hot Melt Rotary Screen Coating System all from Nordson Corporation of Norcross, GA. With regard to the CW-200 applicators from Nordson Corporation, in order to achieve the precise application required for the present invention, it is desirable to run the applicator with the draw air off. As a further example, suitable applicators also include PHASER 5 print heads available from Tektronix, Inc. (having offices in Beaverton, Oregon). With regard to the print heads it is possible to run the print head in a continuous process. Other suitable applicators include a piezoelectric jet (hereinafter "piezo jet"), available from Spectra, Inc. (Lebanon, NH) or a micro-dispense valve (hereinafter "valve jet"), desirably a solenoid valve jet, such as the one described in the commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 09/991,185 and 09/990,686, and respectively entitled "Apparatus And Method To Produce Topography, Unique Fluid Handling Properties And Bonding Properties On And Within Substrates, ~~And A Method For Producing The Same~~" and "Material Having One Or More Applications Chemistries Which Produce Topography, Unique Fluid Handling Properties And/Or Bonding Properties Thereon And/Or Therein", both filed on November 16, 2001.

On page 17, the 1st full paragraph that begins at line 7, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A cross-sectional view of a portion of a topsheet having a medicament composition thereon is illustrated in Figure 2. In reference to Figure 2, a cross-sectional representation of a topsheet 40 is provided wherein the body-side surface 42 of the topsheet 40 contains medicament composition 44 having a hemispherical shape extending there above. By providing dots and/or segments having a rounded shape a larger amount of the medicament and/or medicament composition is provided per surface area of the topsheet relative to medicaments applied and having a flat structure. By utilizing small drops and/or segments the melted or liquid medicament and/or medicament composition cools and/or solidifies quicker thereby allowing formation of the round shape above the body-side surface of the topsheet. While not wishing to be bound by theory, the small size is further believed to facilitate transfer of the entire segment and/or dot. In addition, by utilizing numerous discrete dots or segments within the treated area the area of exposed edges is increased. In this regard, the increased edge area is believed to facilitate removal of the treatment from the sheet to the wearer, particularly when transfer is facilitated by mechanical action, i.e. movement of the body against the topsheet.

On page 25, the 1st full paragraph of the **ABSTRACT** that begins at line 2, please amend the paragraph as follows:

~~The present invention relates to articles~~ Articles, such as a personal care product, having (i) a topsheet having a body-facing surface, said topsheet having a medicinal composition pattern applied to a region of the body-facing surface of the topsheet in an effective amount and wherein said pattern comprises individual segments having at least one dimension less than about 4 millimeters (extending in the MD and CD plane); and (ii) an absorbent material positioned adjacent the topsheet. In a further aspect, the article may further include a backsheet, which is desirably liquid-impervious, and which is positioned adjacent the absorbent material and opposite the topsheet are provided. ~~The present invention is also directed to a~~ process for making said absorbent articles is also provided.